**L’IMPARFAIT**

**L’enfance**



**C’était \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Nous étions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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**Nous avions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**Nous portions \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

**A. USES OF THE “l’IMPARFAIT”**

**1) *DESCRIBES* WHAT IT WAS LIKE IN THE PAST**

**(description of the weather, of the time, date, how people were, how they were feeling, what they were wearing,...)**

**2) *DESCRIBES* ACTIONS THAT PEOPLE DID ROUTINELY**

**(what they were doing, what they used to do habitually)**

**B. FORMATION DE L’IMPARFAIT**

1.Start with the **nous** form of the **present tense**

**Ex**.

2. Drop the **ons** ending.

**Ex**.

You are left with the Imperfect stem.

3. Add the ending of the IMPARFAIT

JE ------- **AIS** NOUS **IONS**

TU ------- **AIS** VOUS **IEZ**

IL/ELLE ILS/ELLES **AIENT**

ON-------- **AIT**

**Ex.**

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| **Infinitif** | **DANSER** | **GRANDIR** | **ATTENDRE** |  |
| **1.Present nous**  **2.Stem**  (without **ons)** | 1.Nous dansons  2**. dans** | 1.Nous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  2.\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | 1.Nous \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  2**. attend** |  |
| **je** | Je  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | je grandiss\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | j’attendais | **-AIS** |
| **tu** | tu \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | tu  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | tu attend\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **- AIS** |
| **il/elle**  **on** | il  dans\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | il  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | il  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **- AIT** |
| **nous** | nous dansions | nous grandiss\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | nous  attend\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **-IONS** |
| **vous** | vous  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | vous  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | vous attendiez | **-IEZ** |
| **Ils/elles** | Ils  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Ils grandiss\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | Ils  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | **AIENT** |